

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A ~~method of protecting against ultraviolet light comprising providing a porous titanium oxide powder that is formed from titanium oxide primary particles agglomerated together, said primary particles having a mean diameter of 0.01 to 100 microns, the porous titanium oxide powder having a specific surface area of 327 to 500 m²/g; wherein the powder has an approximately spherical shape with the ratio of the minor axis to the major axis being at least 0.75.~~

Claim 2 (currently amended): The ~~method~~ powder of claim 1, wherein the titanium oxide primary particles have a mean particle diameter of 1 to 50 nm.

Claim 3 (cancel)

Claim 4 (currently amended): The ~~method~~ powder of claim 1, wherein the crystalline form of the titanium oxide primary particles is rutile.

Claim 5 (currently amended): The ~~method~~ powder of claim 1, wherein the crystalline form of the titanium oxide primary particles is anatase.

Claims 6 - 18 (cancel)

Claim 19 (currently amended): The ~~method~~ powder of claim 1, wherein the titanium oxide primary particles have a mean particle diameter of 1 to 100 nm.

Claim 20 (currently amended): The ~~method~~ powder of claim 1, wherein the porous titanium powder further comprises one selected from the group consisting of aluminum, silicon, fatty acid soap, dextrin fatty acid ester, fluorine or a metal.

Claim 21 (currently amended): The ~~method~~ powder of claim 1, wherein the porous titanium oxide powder further comprises one selected from the group consisting of oily components, water, a surfactant, alcohols, polyhydric alcohols, moisturizing agents, preservatives, polymers, antioxidants, fragrances, and drugs.

Claim 22 (currently amended): A method of ~~protecting against ultraviolet light comprising providing a porous~~ making titanium oxide powder that is formed from titanium oxide primary particles agglomerated together, said primary particles made by subjecting a titanium salt solution to hydrolysis by heating in the presence of glycerol or 1,3-butylene glycol, said primary particles having a mean diameter of 0.01 to 100 microns, the porous titanium oxide powder having a specific surface area of 327 to 500 m²/g; wherein the powder has an approximately spherical shape with the ratio of the minor axis to the major axis being at least 0.75.

Claim 23 (previously presented): The method of claim 22, wherein the titanium salt solution is subjected to hydrolysis by heating in the presence of glycerol.

Claim 24 (previously presented): The method of claim 22, wherein the titanium salt solution is subjected to hydrolysis by heating in the presence of 1,3-butylene glycol.